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HORMONE RELEASING HORMONE (GHRH)**

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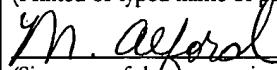
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the application referenced above, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows for claiming benefit of an earlier filing date and cross-references to an earlier filed provisional application in order to comply with requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.78 (a)(4):